



## Barack Obama, 44<sup>th</sup> President of the United States

### Publications:



#### Barack Obama: 44<sup>th</sup> President of the United States

"Barack Obama, elected the 44th President of the United States, has lived a truly American life, and has opened a new chapter in American politics. This publication tells the story of Obama's life, describes how he captured the presidency, and portrays his vision for the future. It also introduces readers to the Obama family and to the new Vice President, Joseph Biden."

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<http://www.america.gov/publications/books/obama.html>

A German translation of this publication is available at:

[http://german.germany.usembassy.gov/root/pdfs/politik/barackobama\\_german.pdf](http://german.germany.usembassy.gov/root/pdfs/politik/barackobama_german.pdf)

### President Obama In His Own Words

These pages share President Obama's words with our global readership. This book includes the complete text of the 44th President's Inaugural Address. Also featured are extended excerpts from eight other significant campaign and pre-presidential speeches (including the Berlin speech on July 24, 2008).

[http://www.america.gov/publications/books/obama\\_speech.html](http://www.america.gov/publications/books/obama_speech.html)



#### eJournal USA: The 2009 U.S. Presidential Inauguration

"The citizens of the United States enthusiastically celebrated the inauguration of their 44th president in January 2009. The peaceful transfer of power always renews faith in the strength of democracy, but in 2009 the rise of an African-American to the nation's highest office also gave reason for pride at the nation's repudiation of the segregation and slavery in its past. President Barack Obama called it a day when Americans chose "hope over fear."

<http://www.america.gov/publications/ejournalusa/inaug09.html>

### Transcript of Inaugural Address

- In English:  
the text and a video is available via: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/inaugural-address/>
- In German:  
the U.S. Mission makes a German translation available via *Amerika Dienst*:  
<http://amerikadienst.usembassy.de/us-botschaft-cgi/ad-detailad.cgi?lfdnr=2293>

### Inaugural Poem by Elizabeth Alexander

- Text:  
"transcript of the inaugural poem recited by Elizabeth Alexander, as provided by CQ transcriptions"; supplied by the *New York Times*:  
[http://www.nytimes.com/2009/01/20/us/politics/20text-poem.html?\\_r=1&ref=books](http://www.nytimes.com/2009/01/20/us/politics/20text-poem.html?_r=1&ref=books)
- Podcast:  
"Listen to Poet Elizabeth Alexander speak at Obama's inauguration"  
<http://stream.state.gov/streamvol/libmedia/usinfo/890/audio/alexanderpoem-012009.mp3#popup>

### Multimedia Coverage:

- First 100 Days [Blog at *America.gov*]  
"First 100 Days will follow President Obama's initiatives and policy directions. We'll look at new presidential orders, policies on the economy, alternative energy and foreign affairs, and his use of new media. We'll review the new president's progress and governing style, take a look at the challenges of governing the United States, and keep you informed about the fun moments as well. We encourage you to share your thoughts on the president's job."  
<http://blogs.america.gov/campaign/>
- Witnessing History -- Inauguration 2009 [Video; 1:43 min.]  
Every four years America renews its system of government with the inauguration of a new president. This year, a record number of Americans braved freezing temperatures to celebrate the inauguration of the 44th president of the United States, Barack Obama, on the National Mall and across America.  
<http://www.america.gov/multimedia/video.html?videoid=8685857001>
- A Day of Celebration [Photo Gallery, 12 slides]  
<http://www.america.gov/multimedia/photogallery.html#/4110/inauguration09/>

**White House homepage:**

- Please take a look at the newly designed White House homepage  
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/>

**The Agenda:**

- Each President is confronted with new and unique challenges. Learn more about the Obama-Biden Administration's positions on everything from health care and the economy to alternative energy and foreign policy.  
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/agenda/>

**The Administration:**

- Thousands of people work in the West Wing, the East Wing, the Cabinet, and the Executive Office of the President. This website provides short bios of President Obama, the First Lady, Vice president Joe Biden and his wife. It also offers a cabinet list, an overview of White House staff, and an outline of the *Executive Office of the President*.  
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/>
- The Cabinet: "Obama has selected a diverse group of advisers to guide him and oversee federal departments."  
<http://uspolitics.america.gov/uspolitics/elections/cabinet.html>

**Background information:**

- America.gov: U.S. Government  
<http://uspolitics.america.gov/uspolitics/government/index.html>  
includes also an Inauguration site  
<http://uspolitics.america.gov/uspolitics/government/inauguration.html>
- eJournal USA: U.S. Presidential Transitions  
"We often read or hear about turmoil before, during, or after elections around the world. An important characteristic of democracy in the United States, however, is the regularly recurring peaceful transfer of power from one president to the next. Americans know when the next presidential election will take place – the Tuesday after the first Monday in November every four years. And power will be transferred to the newly elected (or re-elected) president on January 20 of the following year.  
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<http://www.america.gov/publications/ejournalusa/0109.html>



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